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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2646, AS REPORTED
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(Page and line numbers refer to the amendment in the nature
of a substitute, COMBES.011)

AMENDMENT NO. _____ At the end of Subtitle C of title VII (page 313, after
line 10), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**
2 **AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DEVELOPING**
3 **WORLD.**

4 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall establish a program to award grants to entities de-
6 scribed in subsection (b) for the development of agricul-
7 tural biotechnology with respect to the developing world.
8 The Secretary shall administer and oversee the program
9 through the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Depart-
10 ment of Agriculture.

11 (b) PARTNERSHIPS.—(1) In order to be eligible to re-
12 ceive a grant under this section, the grantee must be a
13 participating institution of higher education, a nonprofit
14 organization, or consortium of for profit institutions with
15 in-country agricultural research institutions.



1 (2) A participating institution of higher education
2 shall be an historically black or land-grant college or uni-
3 versity, an Hispanic serving institution, or a tribal college
4 or university that has agriculture or the biosciences in its
5 curricula.

6 (c) COMPETITIVE AWARD.—Grants shall be awarded
7 under this section on a merit-reviewed competitive basis.

8 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—The activities for which the
9 grant funds may be expended include the following:

10 (1) Enhancing the nutritional content of agri-
11 cultural products that can be grown in the devel-
12 oping world to address malnutrition through bio-
13 technology.

14 (2) Increasing the yield and safety of agricul-
15 tural products that can be grown in the developing
16 world through biotechnology.

17 (3) Increasing through biotechnology the yield
18 of agricultural products that can be grown in the de-
19 veloping world that are drought and stress-resistant.

20 (4) Extending the growing range of crops that
21 can be grown in the developing world through bio-
22 technology.

23 (5) Enhancing the shelf-life of fruits and vege-
24 tables grown in the developing world through bio-
25 technology.



1 (6) Developing environmentally sustainable ag-
2 ricultural products through biotechnology.

3 (7) Developing vaccines to immunize against
4 life-threatening illnesses and other medications that
5 can be administered by consuming genetically engi-
6 neered agricultural products.

7 (e) FUNDING SOURCE.—Of the funds deposited in
8 the Treasury account known as the Initiative for Future
9 Agriculture and Food Systems on October 1, 2003, and
10 each October 1 thereafter through October 1, 2007, the
11 Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$5,000,000 during each
12 of fiscal years 2004 through 2008 to carry out this sec-
13 tion.

